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ALL AGLOW . . . Mrs. C. A. "Max" Hillsman who has somehow managed to contact 300 of her husband's "buddies" again and carried on a correspondence with them for the last three years, fondly holds the first letter from her husband's commanding officer who was mistakenly reported as dead during World War II. This whole undertaking with its profound rewards all started when Mr. Hillsman once suggested sending "a few Christmas cards to some of my former buddies."

'Big Oaks . . .'

Huge Correspondence Grows From Few Cards

"When I talk of my right arm I spell it w-r-i-t-e," Mrs. Max Hillsman of 1553 W. 223rd street said emphatically but with a smile. It all began when Mrs. Hillsman very innocently started to send "a few Christmas cards to some of the fellows with whom my husband had served in the 7th Bombardment Group (H) and whom we wanted to keep in touch with."

This was three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillsman weren't just sending Christmas cards anymore after a while, and the "few friends" expanded into a mailing list of 300. Mrs. Hillsman must now write on the average of three letters a day "in order to make the rounds."

Sometimes when she falls behind she has to write as many as 25 letters a day.

'Hubby Gets Idea

It was Mr. Hillsman's idea to get in touch with his buddies again after the war. He had served with the group as sergeant from the time he left

Harbor. The 7th Bombardment Group (H) was the first to go to Australia. Some of the men were sent on to Java and others to India during the first terrible weeks of World War II.

The Hillsman's, who want to continue what they had started very much, have hit upon the only solution to their mounting correspondence; they are going to start a monthly magazine which will print round-robin letters (correspondence carried on among a small group of members who, in turn, keep in touch with the Hillsman's).

Mrs. Hillsman, who works for the Douglas plant, as does her husband, gives glowing accounts of the humorous, heartwarming, and unusual situations which have turned up as a result of the correspondence.

Such comments as "I thought (Continued on Page 17)

N. American Negotiates; Douglas OK

While a two-week strike was still in progress at North American plants, including the one at Torrance, workers at the Douglas plants voted against a strike at a meeting held at El Camino College last Sunday.

In the meantime negotiations were resumed once more between North American and the CIO United Auto Workers to see what agreement could be reached.

The two groups met last night at the Miramar Hotel for further negotiations in a meeting called by John Fenton, federal conciliator. No further comments were available at press time.

Court Decision Today

A Superior Court hearing will decide today whether the court order limiting pickets at plant gates shall be made permanent. Whether the injunction will be made final is difficult to speculate on, it was stated, with no particular pattern being followed by the courts.

Lockheed workers are to have strike vote this Sunday. Of the 19,000 workers in the Downey, Torrance, and Los Angeles plants of North American, (Continued on Page 16)

PROJECTOR STICKS TO THE FACTS

"Yeah, that's what I said—I'm a 35 mm. projector, 'n all that. "I don't want none o' that silly story-stuff write up. Just keep it straight, that's right."

"I belonged to Wm. L. Addington, 3526 Madison Ct. Wanted to get rid of me, yeah. No kiddin' . . . had me sold on the first call. "That's co-rrrect, the Torrance classified section's what done it."

"Cost 'em only 75 cents to tell all about me."

FOR SALE—35 mm slide projector, 100 watt with blower. Complete with 18220 screen and carrying case. \$12.50. DA. 6-3161

"Pretty parful stuff this Torrance Press classified section. Yeah, an' you can quote me on the!"

OPERATION D-DAY LAUNCHED

This is it—D (oorbell)-Day in Torrance!

When the door-bell rings for the next three weeks, there's no saying whom you'll meet — Aunt Sally, Grandma Gooley, some straggling Halloween ghosts and goblins, or an enumerator!

Now enumerators are the people who'll be snooping around your homes counting noses (figuratively speaking). In other words, "enumerator" is just a fancy way of saying "census-taker."

What's He Want

When one of these strange enumerator-critters comes to your door, he'll ask you such information as 1) the full name of the head of the house; 2) full name of all residents, including roomers and patients; 3) the relationship of the individuals to the head of the house; and 4) age and sex of the individuals.

Naturally, all this information is kept confidential, and residents who don't expect to be at home are asked to leave a sealed envelope containing this information in a place or with a person where the enumerator will find it.

Hobgoblin Or Enumerator

Just in case you might wonder whether the person asking the information is a hobgoblin or an

City-wide Shavemaster Promotion

Backed up with a five year free service guarantee, the new Sunbeam Shavemaster has a real, brush-type, 16-bar armature motor, and the bigger, single smooth head that shaves closer and faster than any method wet or dry.

The Shavemaster may be obtained on a 10-day home trial plan. A five dollar allowance will also be made on any old electric shaver.



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DON MILLER has been blind practically all his life. He has just started a Steno-Service in Torrance, maintaining that there is a definite need for such a service in this area. Miller, who has a Bachelor's degree, is married and has one son. He has his office in Bob Haggard's Real Estate office. See story page 2.

enumerator, you might like to know that it is real easy to tell them apart. The enumerator will carry credentials stating that that's what he is—an enumerator. And there'll be 60 of them, at that!

Why?

Why's the city all hot and both- (Continued on Page 17)

CIVIC GROUP TO MEET ON SMOG ISSUE

While workers in Los Angeles have quit their posts because of the unbearable amounts of smog in the downtown atmosphere and investigations have established that there is little doubt about smoggy air being the major cause of the rising incidence of lung cancer, a new Torrance civic group has decided to tackle the smog problem as its very first project.

Meeting Tonight

The smog issue will again be on the agenda tonight at 8 p.m. when the Torrance Civic Betterment League meets in the courtroom chamber of the City Hall.

The new group, which held its first meeting last week, encourages all civic-minded individuals to attend the second meeting, Forrest J. Major, organizer of the group, states its purpose to be the overall betterment of the city, rather than a concern with any one aspect of it.

GP Represented

As a result of a discussion of the smog issue last week, the group is awaiting a report by chemists from the Air Pollution (Continued on Page 16)

Assaults Husband With Car

Police are still searching for Mrs. Thomas E. Conway who ran down her husband with her car, hurling him down a 15 foot embankment and sending him to the hospital in critical condition.

A complaint for assault with the intent to commit murder was issued against Mrs. Conway.

Thomas E. Conway, 24, of 665 Cochran, was struck at 20900 S. Main St., last Friday afternoon. His wife had refused to drive him home, so Conway got out of the car and walked. Mrs. Conway thereupon came bearing down on him at which time Conway was said to have thrown a rock through her windshield. Not content with hurling her husband down a 15-foot embankment, Mrs. (Continued on Page 16)

New De Soto Requires No Clutch Pedal

Featuring a new, fully-automatic transmission called Power-Flite, the 1954 De Soto Automatic will go on public display today, November 5, at Whittlessey Motors, De Soto-Plymouth dealership at 1600 Cabrillo.

New interior and exterior styling, improved performance and greater comfort highlight De (Continued on Page 16)

WHO'LL BE HOMECOMING QUEEN?



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ONE OF THESE FIVE will be chosen Torrance High School Homecoming Queen tomorrow. Who will it be? (l-r) Doralee Chaffin, Connie Ericson, Norma Quine, Sandra Lea Constance, Pat Fenton. The queen will reign over the Torrance-Leuzinger festivities. The five girls were selected by the student-body from a list of fifteen originally. The young miss who will receive top honors will reign over festivities at the Torrance-Leuzinger game in the Torrance

High stadium Friday night, November 13. The queen, as well as the candidates, will be chosen by the student body. The following fifteen girls were chosen originally. Doralee Chaffin, Sandra Lea Constance, Connie Ericson, Mary Sue Esley, Pat Fenton, Geraldine Freese, Sandy Grub, Babs Hazard, Nancy LaDuke, Lynn Lorenz, Berta Long, Joan Leech, Norma Quine, Sally Sprout, and Ann Steinbaugh.

HOG RANCHER TO SUE CITY

Hogs and the controversy which hovered over this matter in recent weeks are still not a matter of the past.

"If the city will force us out of here, we will have to go to court. The city has no right at all to move us," said 82-year-old J. D. Foley, whose son, Francis D. Foley, operates a hog ranch at 3401 Spencer street.

Ordinance

The comment was made in the light of the first reading of an ordinance drawn up by the city which would ban the housing of one or more hogs after October 1, 1956.

City Manager George Stevens said that he had read of the possibility of such a move in one of the metropolitan newspapers over the week-end but that he had not been formally contacted either by Foley or any of the other ranchers or representatives.

Stevens indicated that the trend which has been established in cases such as this is that ranches have had to go as the land developed.

Some End In Court

These cases, which are controversial by nature, do have a way of ending in court for a final decision, the city manager stated.

The hog ranch issue, which has had a very troubled existence over a period of time as a result of encroaching residential tracts, flared into the open again a few weeks ago when it was established that the Foley ranch had been dumping garbage and waste material in an illegally open field only a few

hundred yards from a heavily-settled residential area.

Foley objected to the idea of moving generally rather than taking issue with the date set by the ordinance. He did admit that arrangements are being made to transplant the operation of the (Continued on Page 16)

Breakfast Set For Saturday

The annual Good Neighbor YMCA Breakfast at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Saturday, November 7 is ready to serve over 1000 persons from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A. C. Turner, chairman of the board of managers of the Torrance YMCA reported yesterday that the first ones to be served would be the drivers of the milk trucks for the Mayfair Creamery.

Many stores in Torrance are sending over all their employees before the stores open to have breakfast that morning.

Menu

The menu consists of hotcakes furnished by Sperry Mills, sau- (Continued on Page 17)

SCHOOL PRAISES PROGRAM

An urgent request made by the Recreation Department of the city of Torrance for financial aid in carrying out an extended after-school recreation program was virtually denied by the Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday night.

No Funds

While the Recreation Department was very willing to establish such a program, it needed financial assistance from the schools, since its own financial condition, even with the present program was running in the red, the letter stated.

The board's opinion was that it could not spend more than its present \$4000 contribution to city recreation. The proposed program would cost an additional \$2838 total which would provide for a recreational program at three elementary schools two hours after school every day and Saturdays.

Board Praises Program

While the board did not go along with the financial request, it did praise with the principle in- (Continued on Page 17)



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AMONG THOSE ATTENDING a get acquainted luncheon held in honor of executives of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company were (l-r): Robert I. Plomert, Jr., manager of the property tax division, General Petroleum Corporation and president of the Chamber of Commerce; S. W. Pickering II, vice-president of industrial relations for union Carbide; Mervin M. Schwab,

mayor; W. M. Hammond, manager of the new Torrance Union Carbide plant; and A. C. Ross, sales manager of the western division, and Lloyd McCurdy, plant manager of Dow Chemical Co. The luncheon, which was held at the Palms last Friday, was sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

GOOD NEIGHBOR BREAKFAST SATURDAY

